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In re application of:

Phillip W. Berman; Laurence A. Lasky

Application No.: 08/459141

Filed: 6/2/1995

For: Vaccine Based On Membrane Bound Proteins And Process For Making Them

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.

In the Title:

Amend the title to read: Immunogenic Composition Based on a Truncated Derivative of a Membrane Bound Protein and Process for Making It

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 9 without prejudice.

Amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

1. An immunogenic composition comprising a truncated, membrane-free derivative of a polypeptide comprising a membrane-binding domain and antigenic determinants

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